GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1409
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FINE FOR MINOR MARRIAGES
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether some High Courts of the country have recommended the Union Government to make increase in the amount of fine fixed for the persons held guilty of marriages of minors;

(b) if so, the details of the High Courts of the country who have made such recommendations to the Union Government; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRJ K. VENKATAPATHY) :

(a) to (c) No specific recommendation of any High Court for increasing the amount of fine fixed for the persons held guilty of marriage of minors has been received in the Ministry of Law and Justice. However, the Central Government, after considering the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission and the National Commission for Women and after consulting the various State Governments, introduced a Bill titled `The Prevention of Child Marriage Bili, 2004` in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th December,2004.The said Bill, inter alia,contains provisions for enhanced punishment for the male adults marrying a child and the punishment would be simple imprisonment which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to one iakh rupees or with both. The Bill is currently under examination of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice.